At this time of year we all seem to reflect on the past, not only the things we’ve accomplished but also the tasks left undone or partially undone. Some of us may even make New Year resolutions that we fully intend to keep THIS TIME. When I look back on 2008, serving as President of MADVS is, of course, an accomplishment I’m very proud of. It was an honor to represent and serve MADVS and I thank each of you for your support, guidance and the good times we shared.

With the loss of a very good friend in November, I am reminded how fragile life is and that we truly need to be thankful for every day we have. I hope you have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends over the holidays and take some well deserved time off. Thanks to MADVS for such a thoughtful outgoing President gift, I plan to spend some quality time with my heated neck wrap, fuzzy slippers, stress relief oils and lotions and eye mask in place.

May you have a very blessed holiday season and a Happy New Year!
Please welcome new member:
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Thank you for letting me represents you on the Board!
I look forward to serving as your Vice-President.

*Have a wonderful Holiday Season!*
REGION NEWS

Holiday Greetings from Region 1!

What a great year for MADVS Region 1! Here are the highlights:

- 3 fun and informative quarterly meetings; average attendance was 9 members
- 4 Region 1 members on the MADVS Board
- Beverly Taulbee, Volunteer Manager at St. Luke’s Northland, MADVS President
- 33 MADVS members in Region 1
- 21 new members in 2008 (some as a result of conference registration)
- Paula Gangel, MADVS VP of Education planned two excellent conferences
- Region 1 hosted 42 attendees at May conference in Kansas City
- 6 Region 1 members attended national conference in Anaheim
- Kathy Hoff, Chair for Professional Development, presented “The Good, The Bad and The Reality… Working with Multiple Generations” at both the AHVRP National conference in Anaheim and at the KAHVRP, Kansas State conference in Overland Park, KS.

MADVS Region 1 looks forward to a fun and productive year in 2009!

REGION NEWS

Happy New Year!

Paula Moore, CAVS
Volunteer & Prestige Services Mgr.
St. John's Regional Medical Center

Region 4

This is a recap for the year! On March 27 seven members met at St. John's Regional Medical Center from Region IV. We talked about various topics and ate lunch.

May 30 our group met at Sandstone Gardens in Joplin. We discussed Pet Therapy Volunteers and Joint Commission. We ate lunch and had a great meeting. Five members were in attendance.

August 1 we had to cancel our scheduled meeting because everyone was too busy to attend.

October 23 eight members met at Maggie Mae’s Tea Room at Miller, Missouri. We had a round table discussion and got acquainted with two new members - Molly Holtman from St. John's in Springfield and Francie Hattabaugh from Staggs at Branson.

I've enjoyed being your Region Rep this year! Have a great Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Region 2

Kylie Latham
Navigator/Volunteer Program Specialist
Siteman Cancer Center

No Reports

Region 3

Marge Sullivan
Director, Volunteer Services
Southeast Missouri Hospital

Region 5

Valerie Weber, MHSA
Manager, Senior/Volunteer Services
Capital Region Medical Center

The year started out with Donna Abney as the Region Rep. Donna did a great job up until her position was sadly eliminated.

Region 5 spent most of the year working on the Bylaws and Policies & Procedures. It is our belief that the recommended changes will make MADVS one of the strongest volunteer organizations in the nation!

Have a Happy & Healthy New Year!
Professional Development is the essence of the MADVS organization. But, it wouldn’t be possible without the people – YOU! It’s been quite a year starting with The Principles Course at the Spring Conference, 15 Missouri attendees at the national AHVRP Conference, and the presentations and networking at the Fall Conference. There was truly something for everyone, whether you were a new member or a seasoned member. The sharing of information and learning new things keeps us growing as an organization.

Speaking of growth, we had more members than ever before, wonderful vendors and sponsors who supported our educational endeavors, and a new scholarship for our members to attend the conferences. Plans are to grow the scholarship fund next year so we can help each other out in these economic times.

Your participation and input are essential to the organization. Connect with each other, use the MADVS website to ask questions and share information, and keep growing personally and professionally. That’s what makes our organization an OUTSTANDING organization.

Your new MADVS Officers & Committee Members

Barbara J. Fradkin
Chair, Nominating Committee

President: Valerie Weber
President-Elect: Lynn Hardy
Vice President/Education Committee: Linda McIntosh
Shantelle Posten
Jean Moorefield
Secretary: Kathy Hoff
Treasurer/Membership: Barbara Frogue
Kylie Latham
Judy Constable
Members-at-Large:
Region 1: Jeri Grimes
Region 2: Dee Coppeans
Region 3: Marge Sullivan
Region 4: Janell Patton
Region 5: Kay Steward
Professional Development: Barbara Fradkin
Hospitality/Historian: Pat Long
Promotions/Web: Kathy Hoff
Legislative/Advocacy: Tina Pridgeon
Policies & Procedures/Bylaws: Stephanie Spradling
Silent Auction Committee: Barb Hutchison
Paula Moore & Cindy Fishman
Thank you for a fabulous year! I greatly appreciate all of the wonderful articles and pictures submitted this year for our newsletter. I am humbled by the wonderful members with all of the talents you bring and share at our meetings. MADVS is a fabulous organization for fellowship and professional growth! I personally look forward to serving you as your President.

Many blessing for a magnificent New Year!